

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been cancelled previously. Method claim 10 has been amended above.

Support for the amendment can be found, for example, at page 8 of the specification and elsewhere. No new matter has been added.

Enclosed are a Declaration of Syunji Nakazato under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 and a Petition for Extension of Time.

The Office Action rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hiroo et al. (JP 10-239840A) as evidenced by Hiroo et al. (Publication No. 10-239840) and optionally Derwent-ACC-No. 1998-546328.

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 10 has been amended above to call for reacting an aliphatic diisocyanate compound (see line 9 of the claim). The cited reference neither discloses nor suggests the use of an aliphatic diisocyanate compound in the claimed method. It is urged, therefore, that the claim is not anticipated. It is also urged that the claimed method would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art over the prior art at the time the invention was made.

As has been noted above, accompanying this Amendment is a Declaration of Syunji Nakazato under 37 C.F.R. 1.132. The Declaration sets forth the unexpectedly superior results achieved when an aliphatic diisocyanate compound (hexamethylene diisocyanate) is used in the preparation of a photosensitive composition for sandblasting. Composition (1), which uses the hexamethylene diisocyanate, had unexpectedly superior results in (i) the line contact property, (ii) the difference in the test mask size and (iii) the sandblasting resistance as compared to the other compositions (Declaration, paragraph 10(c)).

In view of the amendment, the arguments made above and the enclosed Declaration of Syunji Nakazato, it is urged that claim 10 is now allowable. A notice of allowance is appropriate and should be mailed.

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Enclosed is a \$110 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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